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said it here before. We have restricted, we have impeded, we have threatened, we have cohered, we have intimidated the people of the State of Nebraska enough. I believe that we need to get the message loud and clear back to the Congress that the states still are sovereign, the states are still capable of making their own decisions. The only way you will ever stop this dictate of the federal government is to toss the hot potato back in the hands of the Congress so that the people of the State of Nebraska know properly where the problem actually develops. So long as we meekly bow down or rubber stamp those orders that come from Washington, there will be more, and more, and more of the same and less reason for us to be here. I know that we're going to be criticized in some areas. There are some of our good friends in the press who are going to say well if Nebraska Legislature in a moment of pick decided they would get their backbone up, but you have to start somewhere. I'm sorry I did not have the support I felt I should have had on the billboard signs, on some other proposals. I think it's important that you start here. The longest journey begins with the first step. This may be the first step. We've talked about it a long time. I think this, if we pass this bill you just as well pick your tail up and put it between your legs and grab it between your teeth, because the next one is going to be worse and more ridiculous. I ask you to support the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT: I still have five lights on in this order: Senator Chambers, Senators Marsh, Nichol, Stull, Murphy and George. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, I hope you can anticipate that I definitely support this motion. I've been against this bill. I have a special stake in it because I was the one who originally drove the stake through the monster's heart in the first place. Somehow it was resurrected. Somehow Washington infused blood into this dead carcass. When you have a walking dead thing that is a zombie. Now if it's the kind of thing which dies at certain times and comes alive at other times it's a vampire and it must feed on the blood of other living things. The Nebraska Legislature may be unwittingly becoming the host of the federal government on which it will attach vampire, after vampire till all the vitality is sucked. ~~We~~ will become the carcass. We will be the walking zombie. Everytime the federal government waves, we go the direction that it points us. One thing I want to point out to you that I'm interested in before about California, they have been called into special session to deal with malpractice insurance. That indicates to me that they have adjourned. I could be mistaken in interpreting it that way. They are in special session. They have not passed the motorcycle helmet bill. No funds, I wager, will be cut off from California. Any state that can follow behind California is going to be under California's umbrella and safe as long as California is.